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WEATHER REPORT

Even as low-pressure system that brought rain to Bengaluru moves away, another 'storm' is brewing on the horizon

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UNQUIET PLACE

November no different as noise levels shoot beyond permissible limits in residential areas and silent zones of city

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From June to November this year, over 13 lakh cases of traffic violations booked on Bengaluru-Mysuru highway — but of these just 74,702 cases have been resolved with a measly 5% of fines collected

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Speeding major violation; ₹85.80 crore in fines yet to be collected

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The Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway, hailed for its state-of-the-art infrastructure, has become a hotspot for traffic violations, revealing a troubling pattern of reckless driving behaviour. Data from June 1 to November 30, reveals an astounding 13,41,940 cases of traffic violations were booked and fines totaling ₹90.71 crore imposed. However, enforcement challenges persist, with ₹85.80 crore in fines yet to be collected.

The grim reality of poor enforcement is evident as only 74,702 cases have been resolved, bringing in a mere ₹4.90 crore in fine, which means just 5% of the total fine has been collected so far. This leaves an alarming 12,67,238 cases unresolved.

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KEEN EYE ON TRAFFIC

"There is no time limit for paying fines. Advancements in technology allow for the automatic detection of violations without physical intervention, ensuring a smoother flow of traffic

— KV Sharath Chandra, ADGP (Dept of Traffic and Road Safety)

Snapshot of violations

Because the expressway enables smooth and speedy travel, rule-breakers rule the roost here Speeding drivers treat it as a racetrack, ignoring speed limits and warnings. Lane indiscipline leads to near-misses, putting lives at risk. The menace of distracted driving persists, with motorists glued to their phones even at high speeds. Not wearing a seat belt adds to the list of glaring oversights. Wrong-way driving poses grave threats to oncoming vehicles, while unauthorised use of no-entry lanes disrupts traffic and heightens accident risks.

These recurring violations overshadow the highway's promise of safe and efficient commuting.

ADGO Alok Kumar updated his social media post stating, "Poor driving skills, faulty licence policy, road

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Squeeze every drop

Central Authority reveals industries, infra and other projects in state extracting groundwater even without no-objection certificates

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Many industries, infrastructure, and other projects in Karnataka are still extracting groundwater without no-objection certificates – shows a response filed by Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) in response to observations made in the recent Comptroller and Auditor General report on groundwater management in the country.

The CAG report highlighted that CGWA did not have any estimate of the number of industries or other infrastructure projects that were extracting groundwater without proper no-objection certificates.

Moreover, there is no mechanism to ensure that such a project proponent applies to CGWA for no-objection certificates before commencing operations. It was observed that most projects granted consent to operate, licence, and withdrew groundwater without any no-objection certificates.

After this observation in the report, CGWA reached out to the state groundwater authority (SGWA) to clarify the issue. Karnataka's SGWA has responded that it is pursuing the industries to obtain no-objection certificates from the state groundwater authority.

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THINGS TO DO

01 Handicraft haven

Meena Bazar: exhibition and sale of arts, handicrafts, and handloom products. With over 100 stalls, the fair is a treasure trove of handcrafted goods for people of all age groups. **Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath; When: Until December 29, 10 am to 8 pm**

02 Carnatic vocals

Nadasurabhi Association live concert featuring Carnatic vocalist Sunil R Gargyan. Seasoned violinist Raghu, veteran guru & performer Sudhindra, and Narayanamurthy will be accompanying the artist. **Where: St John's Golden Jubilee Building–Lecture Theatre 1 When: December 15, 4:15 pm**

03 Sufi performance

Indian Music Experience Museum presents 'Kun Faya Kun' by KM Sufi Ensemble: 16 talented young musicians who will showcase Qawwali, a form of Sufi devotional music from the Indian subcontinent that dates back over 700 years. **Where: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Kanakapura Road; When: December 15**

04 For a noble cause

La Feria, a vibrant two-day celebration of diversity, art, and culture, commemorating the decennial year of St Joseph's School. Visitors can enjoy a range of attractions: cultural performances, live music, carnival fun rides, etc. **Where: St Joseph's School, 23, Vittal Mallya Road; When: December 19 & 20**

05 Electrifying tunes

Magnetic Music Season 03 with Kishan Baalaji Collective (KBC) and Moksha—All Stars, two incredible bands that will perform tributes to the likes of all-time greats like The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Bon Jovi, Queen, and Coldplay, among other timeless favourites. **Where: ZLB23, The Leela Palace, Old Airport Road; When: Until December 19, 8 pm onwards**

Sky's giving hints, more rainfall may be en route

While weather experts hint at possibility of another rainy spell in city, citizens grapple with skyrocketing veggie prices

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City witnessed cold weather; many were caught in rain in Bengaluru on Thursday

The weather in Bengaluru is poised for another rainy spell as the current low-pressure system, which brought light showers and overcast skies, is moving away, while a new one is on the horizon. According to India Meteorological Department Scientist Dr N Puviarasan, light rainfall has been forecast for Bengaluru on December 17. "Until then, the city is expected to experience partly cloudy skies, with early morning fog or mist in some areas. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to hover around 29°C and 18°C, respectively,"

Dr Puviarasan noted that the low-pressure area over Lakshadweep and the adjoining Maldives, with an associated upper-air cyclonic circulation extending up to 5.8 km above mean sea level, is likely to weaken and become less marked within the next 24 hours. Meanwhile, an upper-air cyclonic circulation over the central parts of the Andaman Sea and the adjoining Gulf of Thailand, extending up to 3.1 km above mean sea level, is expected to intensify into a low-pressure system by Sunday. It is projected to move west-northwestwards toward the Tamil Nadu coast over the subsequent 48 hours.

However, there is uncertainty regarding the trajectory of the new system. Namma Karnataka Weather, in an update on X, highlighted the varying predictions from different weather models for the upcoming Bay of Bengal circulation. "The ECM model suggests landfall near Nagapattinam on Wednesday night, with the system moving inland through Dindigul, Pollachi, and into the Arabian Sea near Thrissur by Friday morning.The ICON model predicts the circulation will remain at sea near the Pondicherry-Chennai coast from December 18 to 20 before dissipating. In contrast, the GFS model forecasts landfall north of Pondicherry on Wednesday morning, with a slow progression through Krishnagiri, Mandya, and then a northward movement, eventually dissipating. With conflicting paths among the models, ECM's projection appears most plausible at this stage, but the situation remains dynamic."

After effect: Vegetable prices hit the roof

During this time of the year, the prices of other vegetables typically decrease. However, this year, the arrival of avarekai (hyacinth beans) has been delayed, leading to a surge in vegetable prices. Over the past week, the prices of vegetables have increased significantly. Prices of various vegetables like tomatoes, beans, drumsticks, onions, and garlic have risen sharply within just one week. Last week, beans were priced at ₹50-60 per kg, but now they have reached ₹75. Tomatoes, which were ₹50-60, have now risen to ₹80-85. Drumsticks, which were around ₹200, have now crossed ₹500. Essential ingredients like onions, garlic, and coriander have also become expensive, putting a strain on consumers' wallets.

Traders said that heavy rainfall due to recent cyclonic effects has damaged vegetable, leafy greens, and flower crops. Additionally, it has become difficult to harvest and transport the remaining crops to the markets. The prices of leafy greens have also surged. A bundle of coriander, which was priced at ₹30, has now increased to ₹40-50. The prices of Sabaakki and Methi greens have gone up to ₹40, and Dantu and Harive greens now cost ₹30-40. As a result, there is a shortage of vegetables in the market. At the same time, there is an increase in demand due to auspicious events, which has further driven up the prices of vegetables in just one week.

Skanda D, a buyer, said, "Even egg and meat prices have increased. Even greens and vegetables are expensive. If I go to the vegetable shop with ₹200, I can't even buy enough. What will the poor people eat?" Traders explained that the vegetable supply has decreased due to heavy rains in some areas, leading to shortages and noted that prices may decrease slightly during the Dhanurmasa (winter) season, as vegetable prices tend to stabilise.

II PU exams may be live-streamed across all centres this year

All exam centres in state are mandated to install CCTVs with webcasting set to begin in March & April 2025

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After SSLC exams, now the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has decided to implement webcasting in the upcoming Second Pre-University (PU) examinations. The objective is to conduct the 2024 examinations in a systematic and transparent manner that prevents any cheating. As part of this initiative, the Board has installed webcasting facilities at every examination centre, following successful trials.

An official said, "After the first phase of the II PU examinations in 2024, certain colleges equipped with CCTV cameras were identified in each district to conduct the remaining examinations with webcasting. The Deputy Directors of PU education reported that the examinations have maintained their integrity from the outset, and the new webcasting system will further enhance transparency. Now, the installation of CCTV cameras has been made mandatory across all examination centres in the state, with webcasting scheduled to commence in March and April 2025."

Recent statistics show that there are 1,124 examination centres operational in the state in 2024

On this note, all private, aided, and unaided colleges with examination centres are required to register their CCTV camera IP addresses. The decision to implement webcasting was made after the first examination of 2024, and it has now been made compulsory across all centres starting in 2025. A team led by the principal will be formed in each taluk, consisting of one lecturer from the Science, Commerce, and Arts departments. The District Deputy Directors will organise these teams to evaluate the PU results in their respective areas.

The statistics show there are 1,231 government PU colleges, 3,567 private PU colleges, and 825 aided colleges, with 1,124 examination centres operational in 2024, accommodating 6.98 lakh students. Principals and subject lecturers are urged to inform students about the webcasting system to alleviate any fears they may have. The school administration emphasises the need to build student confidence through awareness of the facilities available, advising all stakeholders to be vigilant to avoid any lapses observed in previous examinations.

How does webcasting system work?

Each examination room will be equipped with a CCTV camera, and using the IP addresses of these cameras, officials will be able to monitor activities from control rooms set up in district centers. If any irregularities are detected, the head of the centre will be informed, and action will be taken against the invigilators involved in any misconduct.

With eye on roads and from sky, cops keep traffic in check

City to soon get 165 synchronised adaptive traffic signals; 10 drones actively monitor peak-hour traffic, streamline live footage to authorities

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Even as the usage of adaptive traffic signals is on, the government has announced that Bengaluru will soon have 165 synchronised adaptive traffic signals designed to improve traffic flow.

Replying to a question in the legislature recently, Home Minister G Parameshwara said that 10 drone cameras are actively monitoring traffic during peak hours, streaming live footage to a centralised management centre for immediate action in Bengaluru city.

He said that modern technology plays a pivotal role in these efforts. AI-based traffic signals, pelican signals, and real-time analytics are improving traffic management, while unscientific speed breakers are being replaced with scientifically designed alternatives.

Data-driven initiatives like "ASLAM," a smart traffic management system, are enhancing congestion alerts, incident reporting through BOT technology, and event management.

Notable features of ASLAM include real-time congestion alerts to traffic officers, a dashboard for critical analytics, efficient incident reporting, and an E-Path Ambulance App that ensures seamless ambulance movement during emergencies. Surveillance has been significantly enhanced with the deployment of drone cameras, enabling live monitoring and swift interventions.

These efforts are further supported by partnerships with various organisations to foster road safety innovations.

Measures aimed at easing traffic in city

Parameshwara said that with a growing population and an increasing number of vehicles, traffic congestion has become a pressing issue in Bengaluru. In response, the Bengaluru Traffic Police Department has rolled out several measures aimed at smoother traffic flow and greater public convenience.

A key initiative includes the introduction of one-way traffic systems on 365 high-traffic roads, effectively reducing congestion. Parking restrictions on major roads and prohibitions on right turns and U-turns at specific locations have been implemented to maintain steady vehicular movement.

"The establishment of a centralised Traffic Management Centre ensures real-time oversight and timely interventions to alleviate congestion. Personnel, including home guards and traffic wardens, are actively deployed for traffic regulation. Signal-free corridors and open left-turn lanes are being developed to streamline vehicular flow, while stringent drives against violations like over-speeding, dangerous driving, and drunk driving ensure compliance with traffic rules," he said.

The 2023 TomTom Traffic Index reports a significant improvement, with Bengaluru dropping from the second-most congested city in 2022 to sixth in 2023.

"Travel speeds increased from 14 km/h to 18 km/h, and travel times have notably reduced, making Bengaluru the only city in the top 10 most congested cities to achieve such progress," he added.

The minister said that additional measures include highway patrolling to prevent unauthorised parking, quick clearance of stalled or accident vehicles to avoid disruptions, and strict enforcement of roadside parking restrictions, particularly on major highways like Bengaluru-Hosur Road and Hoskote-Kolar Road.

Collectively, these comprehensive initiatives aim to enhance Bengaluru's traffic system, ensuring safer and more efficient road usage for all residents.

Police constable dies by suicide by jumping onto train tracks

A 33-year-old police constable assigned to the Hulimavu police station tragically ended his life by coming under a moving train in the Byappanahalli Railway Police Station limits on Friday night.

The deceased, identified as Tippanna Alugur, a native of Bijapur, left behind a death note accusing his wife and father-in-law of driving him to this extreme step.

Based on the note, the railway police registered a case of abetment to suicide against the two under Section 108 of the Indian Penal Code. The suspects have been summoned for questioning by the investigation officer.

The constable, who got married four years ago, reportedly had a strained relationship with his wife. The couple had no children, and his father-in-law had sought the intervention of the city police's counselling wing to mediate their disputes. While the couple initially agreed to reconcile, they soon began living separately again.

Police officials are now probing the circumstances surrounding his death. Further investigations will focus on the allegations mentioned in the victim's death note.

Man jumps to death, cause unknown

A 34-year-old man jumped from the 16th floor of the RMZ Galleria apartment in Yelahanka on Saturday morning around 7:30 am. The deceased is identified as Ravi Kumar, hailing from Bihar.

According to police, Kumar had visited the apartment to meet his relatives, who were reportedly out of town, and found the house locked. Kumar later tragically took his own life. Yelahanka police have registered a case of unnatural death and are investigating the incident. **BMB**

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Real estate fraud case filed; company denies claims

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The Central Crime Branch (CCB) has registered a case against Ozone Urbana Developers Pvt Ltd, a real estate company, and some officials from private banks for allegedly defrauding homebuyers and diverting loans sanctioned in buyers' names for personal gains. However, the advocate representing the company told BM, "This is a case of false allegations, and we are pursuing legal action."

The complaint was filed by the Ozone Urbana Buyers Welfare Association, led by its president, Errol John Noronha. The accused include Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt Ltd and its directors and unnamed officials from banks.

According to the complaint, the company allegedly facilitated loans worth Rs 1,500 crore in buyers' names while collecting an additional Rs 1,800 crore directly from them, promising to pay EMIs on their behalf until project completion. However, construction stalled midway, and buyers were left saddled with incomplete homes and the burden of repaying these loans. The funds collected, amounting to Rs 3,300 crore, were allegedly diverted.

The complaint further alleged that the same properties were mortgaged multiple times to different banks without informing buyers. These transactions were kept out of official company records. Many buyers have approached the High Court, which directed them to escalate the issue to higher authorities.

Despite directives from the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) to refund buyers, the company has allegedly not done so.

Meanwhile, banks are pursuing the buyers for loan repayments. It is alleged that some have even challenged court orders, filing criminal proceedings against buyers for bounced security cheques.

Ozone Urbana Developers launched a township project in 2012 near Devanahalli. Buyers were promised possession of flats by 2017. However, even after 12 years, only 50% of the project has been completed.

The company is also accused of failing to maintain 70% of project funds in designated escrow accounts. Sources revealed that the group has not conducted audits since 2017.

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Plan to catch more rain on green, purple metro lines

BMRCL is revisiting plans to add rainwater harvesting to green and purple metro lines, with experts seeing it as key step in water conservation

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An NGO's assessment suggests rainwater harvesting at metro lines to improve six city lakes' water quality

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is reconsidering its old plan to retrofit the rainwater harvesting system on green and purple lines in the city. The agency is also contemplating integrating the green practice in the upcoming Phase III corridors.

BMRCL officials say the initiative is being contemplated by higher-ups after instructions given to the agency under the Karnataka state action plan on climate change. "We have consulted research institutes such as TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) and EMPRI (Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute) on the matter. These institutes are deliberating on nuisances of retrofitting the RWH (Rainwater Harvesting) system in the existing lines and also accommodating the plan in upcoming metro lines," said Dr Yathish Ullal, Deputy General Manager of the Social and Environment Management Unit, BMRCL.

Notably, early this year, BMRCL had called a tender to implement RWH on more than 70 kilometres of stretch of purple and green lines to recharge groundwater from elevated tracks. However, that plan did not materialise.

"Both the lines are operational and stopping the service even for 30 minutes will cause inconvenience to the commuters. Moreover, BMRCL also underwent some administrative changes early this year. Owing to these and some other unavoidable circumstances, our earlier plan to retrofit these lines with the system could not take shape," added Dr Ullal. The decision is also being guided by a recent order by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to the Delhi Metro to utilise rainwater falling on the metro viaduct to recharge the groundwater table.

"We are being guided by the order from NGT applicable to the Delhi metro. The quantum of water accumulated in the viaduct is not very considerable. Thus, we need to be meticulous with our planning and execution to trap water falling on elevated tracks and ensure groundwater recharge. We are also considering letting off rainwater in lakes that are close to our tracks. RWH systems at metro stations are also being built," said a BMRCL official.

> **"RWH structures along metro lines will go long way in quenching city's thirst. It will prove to be a sustainable model**
> – Raghavendra BP, conservationist

A couple of months ago, a city-based NGO carried out an assessment of water quality in six city lakes, Benniganahalli, Kengeri, Nayandanahalli Kere, Lalbagh, Dasarahalli, and Yediur, and deduced that the water quality of these water bodies can be improved provided a simple rainwater harvesting system is installed at the purple and green lines of Namma Metro.

An analysis of the distance between existing metro lines and the six above-mentioned lakes (less than 300 metres) shows rainwater can be harnessed with ease to improve water quality. It was found that Benniganahalli and Kengeri Lakes have metro lines as close as 30 metres away, it is at a 50-metre distance from Nayandanahalli Kere, 167 metres from Lalbagh Lake, 160 metres from Dasarahalli Lake, and 260 metres from Yediyur Lake. Water conservationists have welcomed the step.

"RWH structures along metro lines will go a long way in quenching Bengaluru's thirst. It will prove to be a sustainable model for conserving rainwater and can be replicated elsewhere too," said Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a city-based water conservationist.

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Broken slab
Maruti Nagar

A slab on 2nd Cross Road, 10th Main, Maruti Nagar is in poor condition.

Vehicle misuse
Cantonment Railway Station

Three underage children were spotted riding a Yulu moped without helmets near Cantonment Railway Station.

Break the rules & don't pay fine

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engineering defects and absence of pedestrian friendly roads are the main contributing factors for high number of road accidents deaths. Over speeding remains the main killer followed by wrong side driving and drunk driving."

District-wise numbers

The Bangalore-Mysore expressway (NH-275) traffic violations are always high as three districts Ramanagara, Mandya, and Mysuru also contribute notably to the numbers. Ramanagara recorded 4,74,500 cases, imposing ₹31.57 crore in fines but collecting only ₹1.98 crore from 31,038 cleared cases, leaving 4,43,512 violations and ₹29.59 crore pending. Mandya followed with 4,55,458 cases and ₹34.29 crore in fines, resolving 27,769 cases and collecting ₹1.98 crore, while 4,27,689 cases and ₹32.31 crore remain unresolved. Mysuru saw 4,11,932 violations, with ₹24.83 crore in fines imposed but only ₹93.62 lakh collected from 15,895 cleared cases, leaving 3,96,037 cases and ₹23.90 crore pending.

The introduction of the Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) in mid-2024 revolutionised road safety on the highway. Leveraging technology, the system enables real-time traffic monitoring, violation detection, and swift incident response. Its key features include high-resolution cameras, automatic number plate recognition, and seamless emergency response integration. KV Sharath Chandra, ADGP for the Karnataka Department of Traffic and Road Safety, remarked that there is no time limit for paying fines. He urged that advancements in technology allow for the automatic detection of violations without physical intervention, ensuring a smoother flow of traffic. He added that increased use of technology will help drivers become more aware of the mistakes they make.

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Water extraction norms all over the place

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Not in line

CAG audit also observed that the guidelines around groundwater extraction in Karnataka were not in line with the central groundwater authority's recommendations. These included differences between the areas notified by CGWA and SGWA, differences in categorisation of areas into safe, critical, over-exploited), etc. While clarification on the issue was sought from the Karnataka groundwater authority, it has not given a specific reply. State groundwater authority has also maintained silence on irregularities and deficiencies highlighted in the CAG report in implementations of the mechanism of registrations of drilling rigs and bore wells.

The audit conducted by CAG also found that the Karnataka groundwater authority is facing constraints due to a shortage of staff and infrastructure. However, the state, here again, has not furnished any clarifications in response to requests by the Central Groundwater Authority.

Karnataka aligning its rules with MoJS

State groundwater authority, however, has informed CGWA that the state is in the process of aligning its acts, rules, and guidelines around groundwater in conformity with the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) guidelines through suitable amendments. Karnataka has already been regulating groundwater through the State Acts (Kerala Groundwater (Control and Regulation) Act, 2002 and Karnataka Ground Water (Regulation and Control of Development and Management) Act, 2011 respectively). As many as 19 states and union territories in the country enacted their groundwater legislation in 2019 after receiving directions from the Centre.

Toll trouble: Unsafe roads & high charges

Bengalureans demand removal or relocation of Devanahalli toll booth due to steep toll fees; critics argue the toll booth unfairly exploits airport-bound travellers

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A group of Bengalureans is ramping up their demand to remove the toll booth on Airport Road, with some proposing its relocation further ahead to ease the burden of high toll fees on airport users. This debate gained momentum after reports revealed that the Devanahalli toll booth, located near the Trumpet interchange, is the highest-grossing toll plaza in the country.

In a series of messages on the X platform, venture capitalist TV Mohandas Pai highlighted that the Devanahalli toll plaza, the highest revenue-generating toll booth in Karnataka, collected a record 308 crore in FY24. He criticised the exorbitant charges, emphasising that this is the only toll road leading to the airport and called for its abolition. Pai tagged several state MPs, including Bengaluru South MP Tejaswi Surya, Bengaluru Central MP PC Mohan, Bengaluru North MP Shobha Karandlaje, and Mandya MP and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, urging them to raise the issue with the centre. He stated, "MPs need to save us from this exploitation. Please move the toll gate away from the airport; flyers have already paid multiple times over. This is sheer exploitation." He also tweeted to Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari, questioning the fairness of the toll booth and pointing out that no other airport in India has a toll gate before entry. "Why discriminate against Bengaluru? We have already paid 1500 crore, largely for airport entry," he said. Biocon CMD Kiran Mazumdar Shaw joined the call, supporting the demand to remove the toll plaza at Devanahalli before entering the airport. She emphasised that Bengaluru should be treated on par with other cities in this regard.

(File photo) " No other airport in India has a toll gate before entry, except Bengaluru"

> **Driving on the alternative road is terrifying especially after dark. If the govt cannot provide safe alternative, how can they justify this kind of toll setup?**
> –Meena M, techie

The airport toll booth has been controversial from the start. Despite opposition from locals, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) strategically placed the toll booth at Devanahalli, recognising that the major traffic on this road was bound for the airport, thereby maximising toll revenue. Sharat D, a regular traveller said, "The lack of a service road leaves us with no choice but to pay the hefty toll. It's unfair to force people into paying for a road they might not have chosen if a viable alternative existed. A toll booth should come with an option for toll-free travel, but here, it's either pay up or struggle with inaccessible routes."

Kavya Sachin, another traveller said, "Toll roads are meant to provide convenience, but their existence should not come at the expense of denying toll-free options to citizens. The absence of a service road to bypass the toll goes against the principle of fair road usage, particularly for those who do not wish to use the highway."

Many say that they are forced to use the tolled road despite the presence of non-tolled alternative roads due to its pathetic condition. "The alternative route to the airport is in such poor condition that it feels more like an off-road adventure. It's riddled with potholes, poorly lit, and completely unsafe, especially at night. People have no practical option but to use the toll road, which is why the charges feel like exploitation," said Divya Kumar, a techie.

Meena Mahesh, another techie said, "Driving on the alternative road is terrifying, especially after dark. It's isolated, lacks proper lighting, and feels unsafe for women and families. It's not just inconvenient, it's outright dangerous. The condition of that road leaves us no choice but to pay the toll, which is why we feel trapped. By keeping the alternative road in a deplorable state, authorities are indirectly forcing people to use the toll road. This creates a monopoly and undermines the fairness of toll collection. If the government cannot provide a safe and functional alternative, how can they justify this kind of toll setup?"

Man solicits alms on B'luru Metro

A video showing a man soliciting alms inside the Bengaluru Metro train was widely shared on social media and authorities initiated an investigation into it.

The video shows a differently-abled man, wearing a skull cap, approaching passengers and asking for alms. One passenger captured the incident on their phone and subsequently shared it online. The incident took place on the Challaghatta to Whitefield metro line. He came as a disabled person in our metro, scanned the QR code and got a ticket. Later, while travelling in the metro, he immediately started seeking alms from other passengers.

"We are trying to find out where this man boarded. We don't even know whether he wore the skull cap when he entered the Metro station," an officer said. Previously, BMRCL officials have issued fines to individuals caught begging within Metro trains, citing Section 59 of the Metro Act which prohibits activities that cause inconvenience to other passengers. **–BMB**

Bail pleas filed in techie suicide case

Engineer Atul Subhash's estranged wife and her family members, who he had accused of harassment in his suicide note, have filed anticipatory bail pleas in Allahabad High Court.

The anticipatory bail applications have been filed by Subhash's wife Nikita Singhania, her mother Nisha Singhania, brother Anurag Singhania, and uncle Sushil Singhania.

The pleas for anticipatory bail came after the Bengaluru City Police on Friday issued a summons to Nikita Singhania and asked her to appear before it within three days.

Subhash, a 34-year-old engineer, died by suicide in Bengaluru on Monday, allegedly due to harassment by his estranged wife and her family members. A case of abetment to suicide has been filed against Nikita Singhania & her relatives. **–PTI**

We have a date: K'taka all set to pump energy from waste

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If all goes as per plan, Karnataka's first Waste-to-Energy (WTE) plant at Bidadi will become commercially operational from December 19.

According to the officials from Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL), the performance guarantee test of the plant is scheduled from December 16 to December 18.

"Currently the plant is running at its maximum capacity of 11.5MW to complete system trials. We have proposed a performance guarantee and commercial operation declaration for three days starting December 16. The test will be conducted in the presence of KPCL, Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd (BESCOM), Central Power Research Institute (CPRI), and other statutory authorities. After successful completion of the test, we will declare it commercially viable," told a KPCL official.

Karnataka's first waste-to-energy plant at Bidadi

Notably, the plant was supposed to become operational in August.

It was first commissioned on July 17 this year for its first trial of 30 days. However, the performance guarantee test was delayed.

Currently, the plant is receiving nearly 500 metric tons of waste from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The maximum capacity of the plant is to process 600 metric tons.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) data shows that currently there are 14 WTE plants across seven states and union territories, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, and Gujarat. The total design capacity of these plants is to process 17,600 tonnes of waste per day to generate 202 MW of power.

The WTE plant in Bidadi is a joint project of KPCL and BBMP and has been designed to assist the civic agency in the scientific disposal of the waste being generated daily.

A recent report on solid waste management by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) underlined that Karnataka is treating just a little over 40% of the total being generated. This was found to be much below the country's average of 54%.

The report also highlighted that there is a large gap in the segregation and transportation of solid waste at various urban local bodies in the state. While other urban local bodies have a 37% gap in the segregation process, it is 52% in the case of BBMP. A gap of 8.7% was reported in the case of transportation of solid waste in BBMP limits.

Political tug-of-war over covid management scam

FIR filed against officials over fraudulent activities causing loss of Rs 167 crore

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Even four years after the COVID-19 outbreak, political blame games over alleged irregularities in pandemic management have resurfaced, with the ruling and opposition parties in Karnataka at loggerheads. Recently, an FIR was filed against several government officials and private companies over alleged fraudulent activities, reportedly causing a loss of Rs 167 crore to the state exchequer.

The allegations primarily revolve around the illegal procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE) kits and N95 masks for medical personnel during the height of the pandemic. The complaint, filed by Dr M Vishnuprasad, chief accounting officer of the Directorate of Medical Education (DME), accuses a former DME director and certain private companies of involvement in the scam.

Health workers with PPE kits taking swab tests at CV Raman General Hospital

According to the FIR filed on August 18, 2020, the state government authorised the procurement of 2.59 lakh N95 masks and PPE kits for doctors and medical staff across 17 government colleges and a super-specialty hospital. However, the procurement process allegedly violated legal procedures, with discrepancies in tendering, delivery, and documentation.

A Mumbai-based company is accused of inflating prices and engaging in unethical practices during the bidding process. Officials allegedly facilitated these irregularities, with suspicions pointing to the involvement of political representatives from the previous BJP-led government. Dr Vishnuprasad's complaint estimates that the irregularities cost the state Rs 167 crore.

BJP alleges political vendetta

The Bharatiya Janata Party has dismissed the FIR as an act of political vengeance by the Congress-led Karnataka government. Former Chief Minister and BJP MP Jagadish Shettar accused the Congress of using the FIR to divert attention from alleged corruption within its own ranks, including irregularities in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and Valmiki tribal welfare authority during its tenure. Shettar further alleged that the FIR was based on an interim report by Justice John Michael D'Cunha Commission, claiming the move was premature. "Filing an FIR does not prove allegations. It's merely a first information report," he stated.

Congress defends actions

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar countered the BJP's claims, emphasising that the FIR was based on recommendations from the Justice John Michael D'Cunha Commission. "The government is acting within the legal framework, and further action will follow after studying the commission's findings," Shivakumar clarified. Sources suggest that the Congress government is preparing to initiate legal proceedings against prominent BJP leaders accused of corruption during the pandemic.

Next steps in investigation

The FIR, lodged at the Vidhana Soudha police station, marks the beginning of what could become a protracted legal and political battle. The Congress government is reportedly planning to expedite the investigation by forming an SIT to probe the scam thoroughly.

Sarjapura to house SWIFT city

After ITPL in Whitefield and Electronic City off Hosur Road, now the area between Whitefield and Hosur Road is set to house SWIFT City. Large and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil on Saturday said that SWIFT City will be an integrated industrial development in the state. He said, "This will be Karnataka's third major planned industrial hub after Electronic City and ITPL. As the name suggests, SWIFT City will focus on startups, workspaces, innovation, finance, and technology. The project involves reserving over 1,000 acres of land in the Sarjapura Industrial Area for this purpose."

Patil said that despite the presence of thousands of companies in Bengaluru, many stakeholders have expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of well-planned workspaces. The government was providing 150-metre-wide roads. More details on these initiatives will be revealed at the Invest Karnataka conclave scheduled for February.

Woman biker attacks BMTC driver

A woman motorcyclist assaulted a BMTC bus driver near Sumanahalli Bridge when the bus, traveling from Jalahalli Cross to KR Market, allegedly grazed the woman's bike.

The woman stopped the bus and launched a violent attack on the driver, Amaresh. The assault reportedly left the driver unconscious. The bus conductor, Hagha Savarjanika, rushed the driver to a nearby hospital.

The woman, identified as Savita, was apprehended by bystanders and later filed a complaint against the driver at the Kamakshipalya police station, alleging negligence on his part. However, the driver, after receiving treatment, also filed a complaint against the woman for assault. **–BMB**

Now, women-only bike rides from Uber in the city

Getting around Bengaluru's traffic needs all the innovation possible and bike taxis have found a great fit as an affordable, fast way to travel around the city. Now in a move that is likely to find favour with the city's women population, Uber has introduced Moto Women, a women-only bike taxi service that connects female riders with female drivers. The company says the product has been launched after feedback from women and aims to address mobility needs of female riders while providing flexible earning opportunities to female drivers.

As per a KPMG report, Bengaluru is one of India's largest bike taxi markets. In 2022, over 280 million bike taxi rides were completed across platforms, with Bengaluru alone accounting for 1 million rides monthly. Typically used for short-distance trips, bike taxis support public transport by serving as feeders, with 60-70% of trips used for first- and last-mile connectivity.

Bike taxis could generate over 5.4 million flexible livelihood opportunities in India by 2030, according to KPMG. Approximately 100,000 bike taxi drivers are active in Bengaluru today. In a recent viral video posted on X, a Bengaluru-based bike taxi driver claimed to earn INR 80,000-85,000 monthly by driving for Uber and Rapido, earning praise from Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma.

Despite the popularity of ride-hailing services, women's participation as commercial drivers remains low. Access to safe transport has also emerged as a top factor for working women to take up jobs far from home. Solutions like Uber Moto Women could positively impact both riders and drivers. Women drivers may feel safer driving during early or late hours when they prefer women riders, potentially boosting their incomes. According to Oxford Economics, ride-hailing services could increase women's workforce participation by 6% by 2028, enabling them to balance work and family responsibilities.

"With Uber Moto Women, we are not just offering a safer and more convenient option for women riders, but also creating flexible economic opportunities for female drivers in one of India's fastest-growing mobility segments," said Abhishek Padhye, Head of Regional Business Operations, Uber India & South Asia. "Bengaluru, a pioneer in embracing innovation, is the perfect city to launch this service and set a new benchmark for inclusive urban mobility."

Safety has often been cited as the top factor for women to choose ride-hailing. Uber claims to have enhanced safety features for Moto Women, including trip-sharing with trusted contacts, and phone number anonymization. Riders and drivers can access Uber's 24x7 Safety Helpline, with priority support for women during emergencies. Uber's RideCheck will proactively check for trip anomalies by checking on rider and driver's wellbeing.

The service is now operational in all major parts of Bengaluru. Users will see both 'Uber Moto' and 'Uber Moto Women' options on the Uber app.

THE SUNDAY READ

Silence, please

Bengaluru's noise pollution exceeds limits, with activists urging stricter action on illegal horns and silencers; experts call for regular enforcement

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Many cities across the country are taking a firm stand against noise pollution. Recently, Indore publicly destroyed more than 1,000 modified vehicle silencers. Panaji has issued show-cause notices to establishments for playing music above the permissible decibel level. Similarly, Ranchi has come up with a dedicated toll-free number for citizens to report noise pollution violations.

However, Bengaluru has downplayed the issue so far.

This is despite noise levels exceeding permissible limits in residential areas and silent zones of the city month after month.

Data from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's (KSPCB) Continuous Noise Monitoring Stations show noise levels in the city were off the charts by a considerable margin in November as well.

The monthly average noise level recorded on Mysore Road, a silent zone in the city, was 77.5 dB during nighttime, against the permissible limit of 40 dB. Similarly, in SG Halli, a residential area, the average noise level during nighttime was 75.8 dB against the permissible limit of 45 dB. Noise pollution levels were found to be higher than permissible limits at other silent zones and residential areas in the city too.

Anti-noise pollution activists say Bengaluru is in dire need of stringent measures similar to those being adopted by other cities.

"Bengaluru is plagued with the issue of modified silences are horns. However, I am not aware of any regular and frequent noise pollution campaigns taken up in the city by Bengaluru Traffic Police. Every month, each traffic police station should allocate a few hours for such activity not only against illegal silencers but against illegal horns as well," said Raja Kannan, a resident of Begur Koppa Road in Hulimavu and an anti-noise pollution crusader.

A traffic police official from Bengaluru Traffic Police told BM, "We conduct occasional drives to crack down on illegal horns and silencers. We booked a case against a car driver using a modified horn in the city centre just last week. We have conducted an RTO (Regional Transport Office) inspection and submitted a charge sheet to the court. It is a compoundable case and the court takes the final call on the amount of penalty imposed. Other traffic police stations across the city are also filing such cases."

However, experts say checks on modified silencers and shrill or multi-tonal horns should be regular and not far in between.

"Bengaluru Traffic Police is making no efforts to curb this menace. Campaigns against noise pollution due to vehicles should be a regular affair. BTP should highlight health-related threats due to noise pollution and should also underline the fact that this offence is compoundable," said a city-based civic activist.

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4,326 cases of shrill horn use this year as compared to just 182 cases in 2023; rise related to increased checks say traffic police as experts point to multiple health problems caused by this noise pollution

SOUND EFFECTS

Ban on manufacture, sale of multi-tone, loud horns urged

BM reported on Dec 13 that shrill horns despite being prohibited remain a major source of noise pollution in the city

> **"Campaigns against noise pollution due to vehicles should be a regular affair. Bengaluru Traffic Police should highlight health-related threats due to noise pollution**
> -Activist

State unveils ₹5,000 cr plan to curb urban floods

Govt announces project to improve stormwater drainage in city, upgrading 1,100 km of systems, and repairing flood-prone roads

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With many areas of the city witnessing urban floods during heavy rainfall, the State Government now claims that it will invest Rs 5,000 crore to prevent urban floods. Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda said that a permanent project worth 5,000 crore has been designed to prevent flood-like damage caused by heavy rainfall in areas under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). He made this statement on Friday at the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi, providing an update on the damage caused by excessive rainfall in the state this year.

"The areas in Bengaluru that are repeatedly affected by heavy rains have been identified, and measures have been taken to improve stormwater drainage systems in these regions. Specifically, Rajakaluves (main stormwater drains) and local drains in residential areas are being upgraded to ensure the smooth flow of rainwater. The project covers 856 km of Rajakaluves, with an additional 200 km of smaller drains, totalling 1,100 km of drainage systems. A permanent plan is being implemented to ensure rainwater flows efficiently. So far, 700 km of drainage systems have been developed, and the remaining 300 km of Rajakaluves will be developed in the coming year, with 240 crore allocated from the Disaster Mitigation Fund," he said.

The government has already conducted 10 rounds of meetings with the World Bank to secure their support for this project. A 3,000 crore loan from the World Bank will be used to develop all Rajakaluves through the BBMP at a cost of 2,000 crore. "In addition, a comprehensive sewage system is being planned for the 110 newly added villages under the BBMP, where there is no existing drainage. The project aims to connect the sewage water directly to the sewage treatment water line, and the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has been allocated 1,000 crore for this initiative. Another 2,000 crore will be allocated for other related works. The state government has decided to cover an additional 2,000 crore in expenses for these projects. Several key roads in Bengaluru, which are repeatedly affected by heavy rainfall, have been identified, " Byregowda said.

Drains in residential areas are being upgraded to ensure smooth flow

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A white-cheeked barbet building its new home on a tree at Rainbow Drive Layout on Sarjapur Road

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DID YOU KNOW?

Googly eyes have been appearing on sculptures around the central Oregon city of Bend, delighting many residents and sparking a viral sensation. On social media, the city shared photos of googly eyes on installations in the middle of roundabouts that make up its so-called "Roundabout Art Route." One photo shows googly eyes placed on a sculpture of two deer, while another shows them attached to a sphere. It's not yet known who has been putting them on the sculptures. "While the googly eyes placed on the various art pieces around town might give you a chuckle, it costs money to remove them with care to not damage the art," the city said in its posts. For some, the googly eyes — like the other holiday objects — provide a welcome boost of seasonal cheer.

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Time's nearing: Street vendors urged to register soon

Survey set to conclude on December 20; vendors shall not be eligible for govt benefits post due date

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So far, 23,407 street vendors have been identified by the BBMP officials using a mobile-based technology platform

A survey to register street vendors across various zones in Bengaluru is underway by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). A total of 23,407 vendors have been identified so far in the ongoing survey, which is set to conclude on December 20. The Palike has stressed that vendors failing to register by December 20 will not be eligible for any government benefits, and registration will not be accepted after this date.

According to Surolkar Vikas Kishore, IAS Special Commissioner (Welfare), so far, 23,407 street vendors have been identified using a mobile-based technology platform. "The BBMP has urged all street vendors to act promptly and complete their registration within the stipulated time frame to ensure they remain eligible for government schemes and support," said an official.

Registration process for vendors

Street vendors are required to register their names by visiting the Joint Commissioner's office in their respective zones before the deadline. To complete the process, vendors must carry essential documents, including their Aadhaar card, voter ID, bank passbook, family ration card, details of family members, and a self-declaration certificate.

Zone-wise survey details to date

The BBMP West Zone has recorded the highest number of street vendors, with 5,727 registered. Following closely, the South Zone accounts for 4,417 vendors, while the RR Nagar Zone has documented 3,448 vendors.

> **"With 5,727 registrations, West Zone records highest number of street vendors; Dasarahalli Zone accounts for lowest with 1,351** – BBMP survey

Additionally, the East Zone has registered 3,067 street vendors, whereas the Bommanahalli Zone has identified 2,156 vendors. 1,669 and 1,572 street vendors have registered in the Mahadevapura Zone and Yelahanka Zone, respectively. Finally, with the registration of just 1,351 street vendors, the Dasarahalli Zone has recorded the lowest number of registered vendors in the city.

This comprehensive registration effort highlights the distribution of street vendors across the BBMP Zones, with the West Zone emerging as the hub for street vending activity.

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Shashi Tharoor's old picture is resurfacing online as recent injury

Claim: Photo of MP Shashi Tharoor, who was injured recently in 2024

Fact: This photo is from December 2022, when he sprained his left foot while walking in the parliament. Hence, the claim made in the post is misleading

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A photo of Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor resting on a bed with a plaster cast to his leg is doing the rounds on social media. It is being claimed that he got injured recently. We fact-check this claim through this article.

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To check the veracity of the viral claim, we performed a reverse image search on the internet, leading us to an 'X' post made by Shashi Tharoor in December 2022.

In this post featuring the viral photo, Shashi Tharoor mentioned that he badly sprained his left foot after missing a step in Parliament. We also found several news reports about this from 2022.

Further, we looked through his social media profiles to see if he had posted about injuring his leg recently. However, we did not find any such posts on his profile except for one tweet he made on 12 December 2024, slamming the trollers for sharing his old photo. In the same tweet, he affirmed that he was in good condition. Additionally, we performed a keyword search on the internet to check if such news had been reported about him after his tweet, but we did not find any.

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To sum up, an old photo from 2022 is shared as a recent photo of Shashi Tharoor in a plaster cast on his injured leg. **The story was originally published by factly.in (https://factly.in/a-2022-photo-of-shashi-tharoors-leg-injury-is-being-shared-as-recent/) and republished by Bangalore Mirror as part of the Shakti Collective**

Tech companies claim AI can recognise human emotions. But the science doesn't stack up

EQ of a machine

Can artificial intelligence (AI) tell whether you're happy, sad, angry or frustrated?

According to technology companies that offer AI-enabled emotion recognition software, the answer to this question is yes. But this claim does not stack up against mounting scientific evidence. What's more, emotion recognition technology poses a range of legal and societal risks – especially when deployed in the workplace. For these reasons, the European Union's AI Act, which came into force in August, bans AI systems used to infer emotions of a person in the workplace – except for "medical" or "safety" reasons.

A new wave

The global market for AI-based emotion recognition systems is growing. It was valued at US$34 billion in 2022 and is expected to reach US$62 billion by 2027.

These technologies work by making predictions about a person's emotional state from biometric data, such as their heart rate, skin moisture, voice tone, gestures or facial expressions.

Next year, Australian tech startup inTruth Technologies plans to launch a wrist-worn device that it claims can track a wearer's emotions in real time via their heart rate and other physiological metrics. inTruth Technologies founder Nicole Gibson has said this technology can be used by employers to monitor a team's "performance and energy" or their mental health to predict issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

"As a surveillance tool, emotion recognition systems in the workplace pose serious threats to workers' privacy rights

Emotion recognition

There is little data about the deployment of emotion recognition technologies in Australian workplaces. However, we do know some Australian companies used a video interviewing system offered by a US-based company called HireVue that incorporated face-based emotion analysis.

This system used facial movements and expressions to assess the suitability of job applicants. For example, applicants were assessed on whether they expressed excitement or how they responded to an angry customer.

HireVue removed emotion analysis from its systems in 2021 after a formal complaint in the US.

No scientific validity

Companies such as inTruth claim emotion recognition systems are objective and rooted in scientific methods. However, scholars have raised concerns that these systems involve a return to the discredited fields of phrenology and physiognomy. That is, the use of a person's physical or behavioural characteristics to determine their abilities and character.

Emotion recognition technologies are heavily reliant on theories which claim inner emotions are measurable and universally expressed. However, recent evidence shows that how people communicate emotions varies widely across cultures, contexts and individuals.

In 2019, for example, a group of experts concluded there are "no objective measures, either singly or as a pattern, that reliably, uniquely, and replicably" identify emotional categories. For example, someone's skin moisture might go up, down or stay the same when they are angry. Gibson said, "it is true that emotion recognition technologies faced significant challenges in the past", but that "the landscape has changed in recent years".

Rights issue

Emotion recognition technologies also endanger fundamental rights without proper justification.

They have been found to discriminate on the basis of race, gender and disability. In one case, an emotion recognition system read black faces as angrier than white faces, even when both were smiling to the same degree. These technologies may also be less accurate for people from demographic groups not represented in the training data.

(By Natalie Sheard, La Trobe University, The Conversation)

OpenAI whistleblower Suchir Balaji found dead at US apartment

Suchir Balaji, an OpenAI whistleblower, has been found dead inside his apartment here, according to multiple reports.

In October, the 26-year-old AI researcher raised serious concerns about Sam Altman-run chatGPT maker OpenAI "breaking copyright law".

According to the San Jose Mercury News, Balaji was found dead inside his Buchanan Street apartment, as confirmed by San Francisco Police and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The medical examiner's office determined the manner of death to be suicide and police officials this week said there is "currently, no evidence of foul play."

"The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) has identified the decedent as Suchir Balaji, 26, of San Francisco. The manner of death has been determined to be suicide," a spokesperson was quoted as saying in reports. "The OCME has notified the next-of-kin and has no further comment or reports for publication at this time," the spokesperson added.

Balaji worked for nearly four years at OpenAI before quitting the company, after he realised the technology would do more harm than good to society, he told The New York Times. "We are devastated to learn of this incredibly sad news today and our hearts go out to Suchir's loved ones during this difficult time," said an OpenAI spokesperson. In a post on X in October, Balaji said: "I was at OpenAI for nearly 4 years and worked on ChatGPT for the last 1.5 of them. I initially didn't know much about copyright, fair use, etc. but became curious after seeing all the lawsuits against GenAI companies." "When I tried to understand the issue better, I eventually came to the conclusion that fair use seems like a pretty implausible defence for a lot of generative AI products, for the basic reason that they can create substitutes that compete with the data they're trained on," he posted. **IANS**

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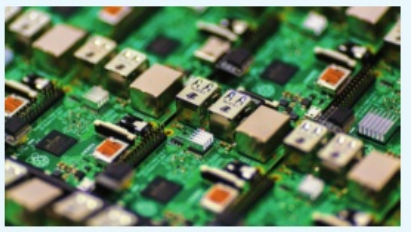

Tech giant Apple's chipset shipments increased to 18 per cent globally in the third quarter this year (from 13 per cent in Q2 2024), due to the launch of its A18 chipset.

According to a Counterpoint Research report, the tech giant recently launched two chipsets – A18 and A18 Pro. The iPhone 16 base models come with A18, while the iPhone 16 Pro models house the A18 Pro. A18 Pro delivers unprecedented efficiency. The new 16-core Neural Engine is more efficient than the previous generation, powering remarkable on-device performance for Apple Intelligence. **IANS**

STOP MUSK

OpenAI asked a federal judge in California on Friday to reject a request by billionaire Elon Musk to halt the ChatGPT maker's conversion to a for-profit company.

OpenAI also published a trove of emails and text messages with Musk on its website to argue that he initially backed for-profit status for OpenAI before walking away from the company after failing to get a majority equity stake and full control. Musk, who was an OpenAI cofounder, has since launched a competing artificial intelligence company, xAI. Musk sued OpenAI, its CEO Sam Altman and others in August, claiming they violated contract provisions by putting profits ahead of the public good. **Reuters**

PAY BY UPI

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has achieved 15,547 crore transactions worth Rs 223 lakh crore from January to November this year, 'showcasing its transformative impact on financial transactions' in India, the Finance Ministry said on Saturday.

The Finance Ministry also said that UPI is now accepted in seven countries including France, UAE, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Bhutan and Nepal. The UPI system provides a cheaper and quicker alternative to the available channels of cross-border remittances. UPI has succeeded in increasing financial inclusion and promoting equitable economic growth. **IANS**

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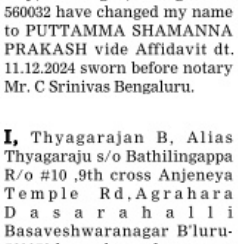

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Walking pneumonia darts into Bengaluru once again

It's called so as patients often exhibit milder symptoms; however, radiological examinations may reveal prominent patches or signs of infection in lungs

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Prevention includes COVID precuations such as wearing masks in crowded places, washing hands and covering mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing

With the recent drop in temperature and fluctuating weather, respiratory infections have become increasingly common. Walking pneumonia, brought on by the bacteria Mycoplasma pneumonia, causes the airways to swell and mucus to build up in the lungs' air sacs. Dr Suhas HS, consultant of Pulmonology, Manipal Hospital Sarjapur Road, added, "Recently, there has been a significant rise in flu cases and other viral illnesses. Additionally, a surge in bacterial infection called Mycoplasma pneumonia has been seen, commonly referred to as atypical pneumonia or "walking pneumonia." This condition is termed "walking pneumonia" because patients often exhibit milder symptoms. However, radiological examinations, such as chest X-rays, may reveal prominent patches or signs of infection in the lungs." Walking pneumonia is more common among children, young adults, older individuals, and those with underlying lung conditions such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). It also poses a higher risk to individuals with weakened immune systems, which can result from medications like steroids, immunosuppressive injections, or a history of tobacco use or smoking.

Meanwhile, Dr Sachin Kumar, senior consultant of Pulmonology & Critical Care Medicine, Sakra World Hospital, said, "Walking pneumonia might be mistaken for a minor respiratory infection known as silent pneumonia or the common cold. If this type of pneumonia is not properly treated, the symptoms might last for weeks. The possibility of transmission through respiratory droplets exists, even if this may not be spreading. The age group that is known to be most affected by this is children, specifically those aged five to fourteen. The causes of this are unclear; however, it can be attributed to weakened immune systems, increased pollutants, and abrupt weather changes. Generally, we see around three to four such cases in a month. We don't test everyone for these "atypical pneumonia" organisms, in part because the tests are expensive, but they have the benefit of providing a probable list of organisms, including atypical organisms, in as little as four to six hours." Patients with walking pneumonia typically need atypical antimicrobial coverage, such as clarithomycin or azithromycin, and occasionally doxycycline.

"These symptoms can last from a few days to several weeks. The diagnosis is usually based on clinical symptoms and confirmed through chest X-rays. In some cases, swabs or blood tests may be used. The condition is treated with antibiotics, which must be prescribed by a doctor. Prevention involves following good hygiene practices such as covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or your elbow when coughing or sneezing, wearing masks in crowded areas or when going out, and washing your hands with soap and clean water for at least 10 seconds. Get an annual flu vaccination and avoid smoking, and minimise exposure to tobacco smoke and pollution. Maintain a balanced diet to support a strong immune system. If you experience symptoms, consult a healthcare provider for proper diagnosis and treatment," informed Dr Suhas.

> **"Symptoms can last from a few days to several weeks. The condition is treated with antibiotics, which must be prescribed by a doctor**
> – Dr Suhas HS, Manipal Hospital

Unusual spike in gastroenteritis cases

Usually, gastroenteritis cases are seen during the summer, but city doctors are seeing a surge in such cases during November as well. Dr Ashok MV, from Vasavi Hospitals, said, "We are surprised to see that kids are infected with viral infections that are causing loose stools, vomiting, and stomach aches. Many kids are presented with symptoms of gastroenteritis. We are also witnessing cases of kids suffering from hand-foot-and-mouth disease as rashes are seen in hand, foot, and mouth. Currently, we are seeing three to four such cases in OPDs and sometimes six cases in a day. Most of the patients are less than five years old. The infection starts with fever and then rashes can be seen over the body for a week. November is not the usual season when we see these kinds of cases as they are usually reported during summers. We are now witnessing hand-foot-and-mouth disease one or two times a year. Most of the patients are school-going children and we suspect that this is spreading through contacts."

Typical pneumonia causes high fever and cough with mucus, wheres walking pnemonia causes low-grade fever and dry cough.

Walking Pneumonia, what is it?

Pneumonia is a lung infection where the air sacs in the lungs fill with fluid or pus.

Walking pneumonia is a mild form of pneumonia, typically less severe than the regular type.

Cause: Walking pneumonia is primarily caused by Mycoplasma pneumoniae, a bacteria that can be difficult to detect.

Spread: It is contagious, and children are more susceptible to it.

Treatment: Treated effectively with strong antibiotics.

Symptoms: Symptoms are often similar to a common cold, making it hard for patients to realise their lungs are affected.

Typical Pneumonia: Affects only one part of the lung, causing a high fever (above 101°F) and a cough with mucus.

Walking Pneumonia: X-rays may show scattered patches in the lungs. The patient experiences a low-grade fever and a dry cough.

HEALTH TIP: Studies show that neglecting a winter skincare routine can lead to conditions like eczema, chapped lips

In winter, it's important to exfoliate gently to avoid irritating dry or sensitive skin

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Get the grill going

Winter is ideal time to enjoy these grilled delicacies

MURGH KE PARCHE

INGREDIENTS
- 1 Chicken breast - 8-10 slice
- Plain yogurt - 1 cup
- Lemon juice - 2 tablespoons
- Garlic paste - 2 tablespoons
- Cumin powder - 1 teaspoon
- Coriander powder - 1 teaspoon
- Garam masala powder - 1teaspoon
- Turmeric powder - ½ teaspoon
- Red chili powder - ½ teaspoon
- Salt to taste
- Ghee or Oil - 2 tablespoons
- Chopped fresh cilantro, for garnish

METHOD:
- In a large mixing bowl, whisk together yogurt, lemon juice, ginger paste, garlic paste, cumin powder, coriander powder, garam masala powder, turmeric powder, red chili powder, and salt.
- Add the chicken pieces to the marinade and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.
- Preheat a grill or grill pan over medium-high heat.
- Remove the chicken from the marinade, letting any excess liquid drip off.
- Grill the chicken for 5-7 minutes per side, or until it is cooked through and slightly charred.
- Brush the chicken with ghee or oil during the last minute of grilling.
- Garnish with chopped cilantro and serve hot with your favorite sides, such as naan bread.

MUTTON CHAPLI KEBAB

INGREDIENTS
- Mutton (minced) - 500g
- Large Onion (finely chopped) - 1
- Garlic cloves (minced) - 2
- Ginger paste - 1 tablespoon
- Cumin seeds - 1 teaspoon
- Coriander powder - 1 teaspoon
- Garam masala Powder - 1 teaspoon
- Turmeric powder - ½ teaspoon
- Red chili powder - ½ teaspoon
- Salt, to taste
- Lemon juice - 2 tablespoon
- Ghee or Oil - 2 tablespoon
- Chopped fresh cilantro for garnish
- Chapli Kebab masala - Optional

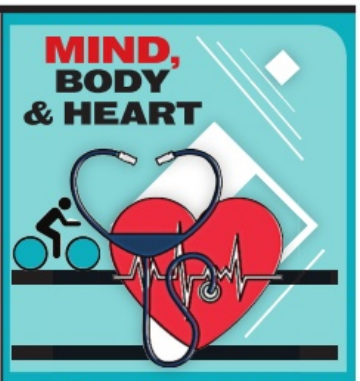
METHOD:
- In a large mixing bowl, combine minced mutton, chopped onion, minced garlic, ginger paste, cumin seeds, coriander powder, garam masala powder, turmeric powder, red chili powder, and salt and mix well.
- Add lemon juice and ghee or oil to the mixture. Mix again.
- Cover the mixture and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavors to meld.
- Preheat a non-stick pan or griddle over medium heat.
- Wet your hands and shape the mixture into small patties, about 1/4 inch thick.
- Place the patties on the preheated pan and cook for about 4-5 minutes on each side, until they're golden brown and cooked through.
- Serve the chapli kebabs hot with your favorite chutney, salad, or naan bread. Garnish with chopped cilantro.

TAWA PANEER TIKKA

INGREDIENTS
- Paneer (Indian cheese) - 250 gm (cut into 1-inch cubes)
- Plain yogurt - ½ cup
- Lemon juice - 2 tablespoons
- Ghee or Oil - 2 tablespoons
- Ginger paste - 2 teaspoons
- Garlic paste - 2 teaspoons
- Cumin Powder - 1 teaspoon
- Coriander powder - 1 teaspoon
- Garam masala powder - ½ teaspoon
- Salt - ½ teaspoon
- Black pepper - ¼ teaspoon
- Chopped fresh cilantro for garnish

METHOD:
- In a mixing bowl, whisk together yogurt, lemon juice, ginger paste, garlic paste, cumin powder, coriander powder, garam masala powder, salt, and black pepper.
- Add the paneer cubes to the marinade and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 2 hours.
- Heat 1 tablespoon of ghee or oil in a non-stick tawa or skillet over medium heat.
- Remove the paneer cubes from the marinade, letting any excess liquid drip off.
- Place the paneer cubes on the preheated tawa and cook for about 3-4 minutes on each side, until they're golden brown and slightly charred.
- Brush the paneer cubes with the remaining 1 tablespoon of ghee or oil during the last minute of cooking.
- Garnish with chopped cilantro and serve hot with your favorite chutney or raita.

(Recipes by Chef Rajeev Kumar, Executive Chef, Courtyard by Marriott Bengaluru Hebbal)



All you need to know about...

Detox drinks

Detox drinks can turn out to be quite effective in the weight loss journey because detox drinks facilitate proper digestion and a good digestive system is a key to healthy weight loss. Detox drinks also help flush out toxins from the body and give a considerable boost to the body's metabolism. Dietitian Archana Batra shares info about a few such drinks:

Vetiver water
Vetiver or khus khus is known for its cooling properties. It is easy to make by boiling the vetiver roots in water. Drink it once in the day after filtering the water. This detox water is perfect for weight loss, nerve relaxation, and treating insomnia. It is great for the skin and liver too. Another way to use vetiver roots is through the essential oils extracted from them. This has antiseptic benefits, and when used on skin and hair, can cleanse, nourish and heal.

Coriander water
Coriander stimulates digestive enzymes and juices, which are known to enhance our digestive system. It is a good source of fibre too. This drink is loaded with minerals and vitamins, potassium, iron, magnesium, calcium, folic acid, and vitamins A, K, and C. Boil water with one tablespoon of coriander seeds in it. Bring to a boil, turn off the heat and let it cool down overnight. Filter the water the next morning and your coriander water is ready.

Cumin-Lemon Water
Cumin can help in burning calories faster by increasing the speed of metabolism and improving digestion. Soak cumin seeds or jeera overnight, then boil the water along with the seeds. Drain out the seeds and drink lukewarm water, add half a lime juice into detox water, and drink it as a morning first drink.

-Femina

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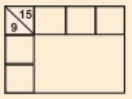
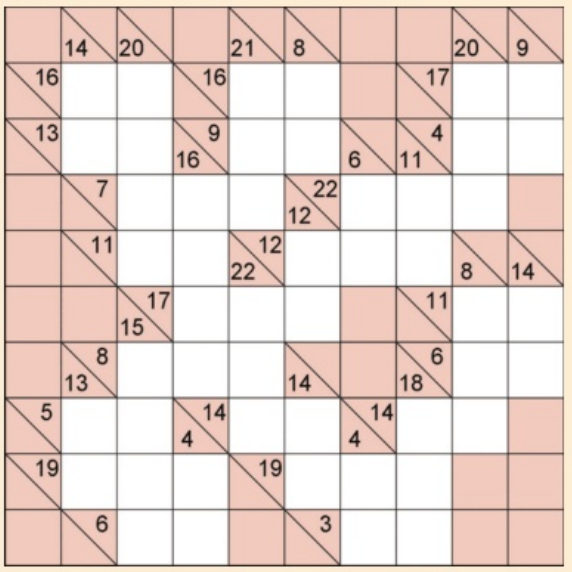
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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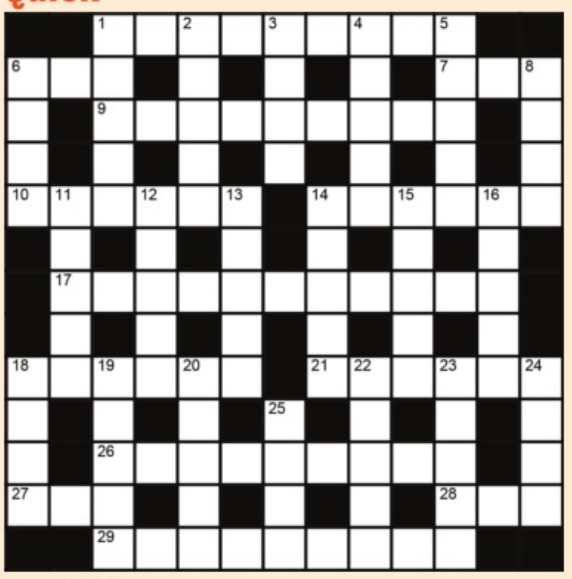


ACROSS

1 Relevant (9)
6 High Power Amplifier (3)
7 Coal carrier (3)
9 South Indian state (5,4)
10 Assumed name (6)
14 Military action (6)
17 Fiance? (7,2,2)
18 Slit up into flowers? (6)
21 Chinese Taipei (6)
26 Road that is also known as Sampangi Ramaswamy Temple Road (9)
27 Gardening tool (3)
28 Go wrong (3)
29 Author of Treasure Island (9)

DOWN

1 Paved courtyard (5)
2 Card game (5)
3 Inactive (4)
4 Muse of poetry (5)
5 Digit on hand (5)
6 Wife of Zeus (4)
8 Allergy irritant (4)
11 India's first P.M. (5)
12 Japanese-American (5)
13 Water surrounding castles (5)
14 Junior trainee (5)
15 New Zealand native (5)
16 Battleground (5)
18 Technology, in short? (4)
19 Shoestrings? (5)
20 Trump's VP (5)
22 Hurts (5)
23 Ladies (5)
24 At hand (4)
25 Ceramic slab (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS U

HIL CYFWHL NMW ALHHSL JMG SLAA HIDF NMW KLALGUL, NMW ZLH LULF SLAA HIDF NMW ALHHSLK JMG .

Linemaro

I want to tweet your mother 'thank you' for giving birth to something as gorgeous as you

Mindchow

A fool and his money are soon partying

Joke of the day

What a company is telling its employee when it puts him in a cubicle: You know what, you aren't smart enough for an office, but we don't want you to look at anybody

Loop

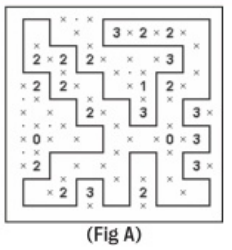
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

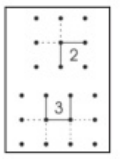
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

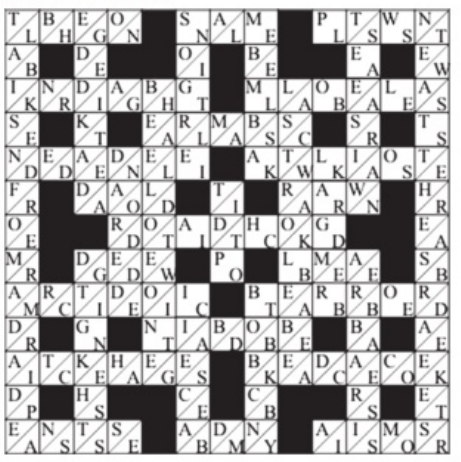


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

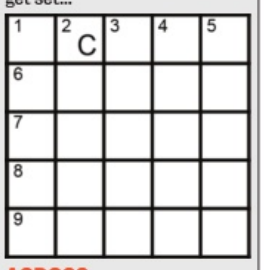
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

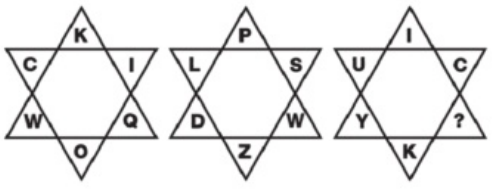
1 Ceres; 6 Teach; 7 Hagar; 8 Y urus; 9 Beler

DOWN

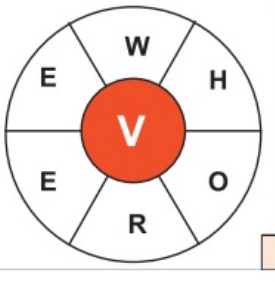
1 Arcus; 2 Aches; 3 Bu err; 4 Agree; 5 Le thy

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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5								4
2	7			1			9	3
3	6			5			8	2
	4			3			1	
			8		7			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 3

5 6 7 7

Medium = 27

2 2 9 9

Hard = 5

2 5 5 3

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

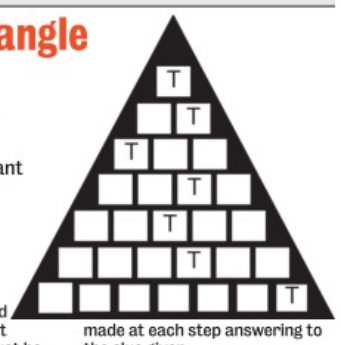
Differences: 1. Window is higher. 2. Pillow is smaller. 3. Back of chair is shorter. 4. Bag is smaller. 5. Hair is longer. 6. Wall is not as wide.

Riddler

Beethoven was a lover of teasers of all kinds, and often submitted the following to his friends. What word can be created when following these directions? 1) Start at D. 2) Go up Eight. 3) Go down Eleven. 4) Go up Five. What word is it?

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 Near to
3 Chinese principle
4 Little bit
5 Cookout locale
6 Lawyer in Merchant of Venice
7 Juicy fruit



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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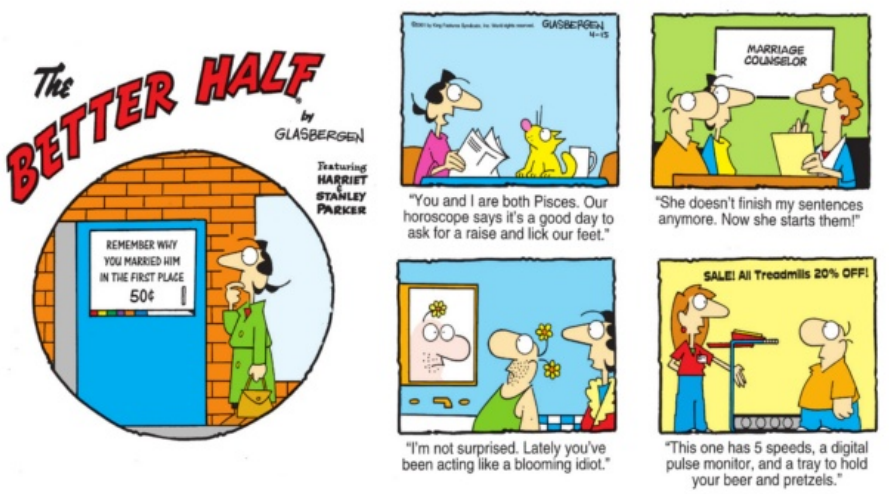
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BUT IT'S SUMMER!
ONE PRACTICE MATH PROBLEM WON'T HURT YOU.
LET'S GO.
MITCHELL HAS TWELVE APRICOTS.
GOOD FOR MITCHELL.
IF HE GIVES ONE-THIRD OF THEM TO JESSIKA, AND ONE-THIRD OF THEM TO LUCY, HOW MANY APRICOTS WILL M—
I GOT IT!
DONE!
YOU JUST DREW A GORILLA TOSSING A BOY INTO A CEMENT MIXER.
THAT'S MITCHELL. PROBLEM SOLVED.
WHAT HAPPENED?
BULLOK MUST HAVE GONE THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD ON IMPACT.
CAN YOU SEE HIM?
HARD TO TELL. I SEE SOMETHING...
...BETTER CHECK IT OUT.
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE 12-25
FLASH AND THORNE CAUTIOUSLY APPROACH THE CREATURE THAT HAS BEEN THROWN FROM THEIR DOWNED CRAFT.
THORNE...
BULLOK..?
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?
I DON'T KNOW. WE'RE GONNA GET YOU HELP, MAN.
THERE'RE VOICES...
WHAT?
THORNE, WHEN OUR FIRST SHIP CRASHED DAYS AGO, WE DEFILED THEIR LAND... NOW...WE MUST DIE!
SO, WHATEVER'S TAKING OVER BULLOK WANTS RETRIBUTION!
WARNING... WARNING...
NOW WHAT?
SHIP'S COMPUTER. I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT.
WHAT ELSE COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?
SYSTEM OVERLOAD. SIXTY SECONDS UNTIL DETONATION.
NEXT: COUNTDOWN TO DISASTER!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, the moon is positive. You may feel energised and perform efficiently at work. You might help someone in need. You may spend time studying and might plan for higher studies to advance your career.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Until the evening, you may feel impatient and lack confidence, which could reflect in your work. Your parents' health might concern you, and your children's mischievous behaviour could upset you. Try to stay focused and avoid scattering your energy. Investments in risky assets are best avoided for now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may feel happy and plan an overseas work-related trip, which could benefit your business in the near future. Spending on luxury items might improve your lifestyle. However, it is advised not to get overly drawn towards glamour or addictions, as this may affect your financial health.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You are advised to control your speech today, as harsh words might disrupt family harmony. Avoid spending your hard-earned money on worthless items to maintain social status. Keep a tight rein on unnecessary expenditures.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy with your children's careers or extracurricular activities. You might seek advice from someone regarding career options and consult specialists as well. You could also hear good news regarding your children's results and might invest some capital in your family business.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you must control your speech and be cautious of hidden enemies and opponents. You might be at risk of falling victim to conspiracies. Avoid making investments in risky assets and refrain from lending money, as it may not be easily recoverable. To reduce stress, engage in meditation and yoga. Lovebirds are advised to avoid controversies, and students should focus on working hard.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Job seekers might find a new job today, and there are chances of promotions in your current role. Business owners could acquire new clients, aiding profit growth. Singles may meet their ideal match. In domestic life, avoid hiding things from your spouse, as this could create distance in your relationship.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is a successful day professionally. Your plans may yield positive results in terms of profits. You could receive good news about gains from past investments. Your creativity may help you enhance your professional skills. Job seekers are likely to find suitable opportunities. Students may improve their focus after self-reflection, and you might develop a better understanding of your spouse's feelings.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Until the afternoon, you might feel upset, but blessings from elders may help you overcome the situation. Your willpower could help you complete delayed projects. Avoid arguments in your domestic life. By evening, you might see gains from past investments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
The Moon is not positive today, and you might feel unwell or face health issues. Avoid investing in new business projects, as losses are possible. Students should avoid distractions and focus on their studies. Drive cautiously and avoid rushing.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel peace and enjoy time with friends and family. Your domestic life might improve, leading to a better understanding with your spouse. A new partnership in your business could form, and innovations may boost its growth. Disputes in partnerships might be resolved now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Good health may bring you happiness today, and health issues could be resolved. You might control unnecessary expenses, and new sources of income may open up, boosting your financial health. Singles could meet their soulmate.

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= 288 / 36 - 3/2
= 8-3/2
= (16-3) / 2
= 13/2 = 6.5

BULL'S EYE
ever, hove, hover, HOWEVER, over, rove, veer, WHOEVER, wove

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
Q. Treat each star as 2 intersecting triangles, and start on the top or the left of each triangle in each star and move clockwise around it. Letters are written in alphabetical order in steps of 6 for the left hand star, 7 for the central one and 8 for the right hand star.

SUDOKU

6	8	2	4	7	9	3	5	1
9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6	7
7	5	3	1	2	6	8	4	9
4	9	1	7	6	3	5	2	8
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2	7	8	5	1	4	6	9	3
3	6	7	9	5	1	4	8	2
8	4	9	6	3	2	7	1	5
1	2	5	8	4	7	9	3	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, At, Tao, Iota, Patio, Portia, Apricot.

LOOP

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 - 6 - 5 + 7 = 3
Medium
2 x 9 x 2 - 9 = 27
Hard
5 x 2 + 5 / 3 = 5

KAKURO

FAST FIVE

S	C	R	E	E
C	H	E	A	T
A	A	R	G	H
U	S	U	R	Y
R	E	B	E	L

QUOTE UNCODE
The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for.

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 # Out on bail
After spending a night in jail, actor Allu Arjun walked out of Hyderabad central jail Sunday morning after getting interim bail in the Sandhya theatre incident

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Fancy origami

Actress Rashmika Mandanna, who has been scooping praises for her recently released blockbuster 'Pushpa 2: The Rule', was left pleasantly surprised at the origami skills of one of her fans.

Origami artist Kabir Barot recently took to his social media, and shared a video showcasing his skills which drew a delightful reaction from Rashmika Mandanna. The clip captures the actor seated inside a car, gazing out of the window with curiosity and interest.

As the artist showcased his intricate paper-folding art, the actress watched him intently, her expression reflecting complete admiration and focus on his craft.

Meanwhile, the actress has been receiving a lot of positive response to her work in 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' in which she reprises her character of Srivalli, and acts as a plot point.

'Pushpa: The Rule', which was released on December 5, is racing on the box-office with the downforce of fan adulation and the legacy built by the film's predecessor 'Pushpa: The Rise' which was released in December 2021. 'Pushpa: The Rule' picks up from where 'Pushpa: The Rise' ended. It sees the Telugu superstar Allu Arjun reprising his titular role.

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How it started

Nick Jonas reveals what captivated him about Priyanka

Nick Jonas recently shared heartfelt details about what captivated him during the early days of his relationship with Priyanka Chopra.

Speaking at the Red Sea International Film Festival (RSIFF) 2024, Nick revealed his admiration for Priyanka's illustrious career in Indian cinema and her rich cultural heritage.

"I was so excited to learn about her career and familiarize myself with her work in Indian cinema," Nick said, adding that this introduction deepened his appreciation for Bollywood films and Hindi music. Over time, he developed a playlist of Hindi songs and immersed himself in Indian traditions, showcasing how love can foster cultural understanding.

Priyanka, on her part, reminisced about her early career and shared how she balanced personal and professional commitments during her wedding preparations. While filming in Old Delhi, her team transformed her set into a space for both makeup and wedding planning, underscoring her multitasking prowess.

Reflecting on her cinematic journey, Priyanka recalled her dedication during Don, where she trained in Tai Chi to perfect her role under the guidance of director Farhan Akhtar. "By the time I came to Don, I had realized that the most important thing is focusing on your craft, not relationships or set behavior, but what you do between action and cut," she said.

Priyanka's global stardom continues to soar. Following her recent success in the action series Citadel, she is now working on Heads of State with Idris Elba.

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Open book

Khushi Kapoor, the daughter of Boney Kapoor who is a businessman-politician and a name to reckon with in Bollywood and the immensely talented Sridevi, like her sister Janhvi Kapoor, is fast becoming a name in Bollywood by opening herself to the light for refreshing openness.

Plastic surgery, including a nose job, before entering the Indian mainstream, was one of those very bold moves she let people know about. This honesty was one of the things that fans fell in love with and separated her from others in the industry, where most topics are kept behind closed doors.

Her openness about her looks did not stop there. Khushi responded to the comments made on an old video of herself and her mother, Sridevi, during a childhood event. One user pointed out that she hadn't changed much except for losing some weight. Another noticed changes in her appearance, as pointed out by braces and lip fillers. Khushi, on her side, laughed about the comment in a humorous response, saying: "@archivekhushii lip filler and (nose emoji) hahaha." This candor elicited praise from most of her followers. One fan wrote, "Love the fact that you're so open about it," and another said, "There's literally nothing wrong with it, and I wanna do it too."

Khushi's openness added on to her growing popularity as she stepped into the limelight.

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Wuthering Heights soon

The long-awaited film adaptation of Emily Bronte's gothic classic 'Wuthering Heights' has officially been given a release date.

Warner Bros. will debut the movie on February 13, 2026, just in time for Valentine's Day, as per Variety.

Directed, written, and produced by Emerald Fennell, the film stars Margot Robbie and Jacob Elordi, who are set to bring the tumultuous romance between Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff to the big screen.

Fennell, best known for her Academy Award-winning 'Promising Young Woman' and the recent hit 'Saltburn', returns to the director's chair for 'Wuthering Heights'.

Her collaboration with MRC and Robbie's production company, LuckyChap, marks their second joint venture after the success of 'Saltburn'.

The film will also feature performances from Hong Chau, Alison Oliver, and Shazad Latif.

Fennell's take on Wuthering Heights is one of the most highly anticipated releases in the coming years.

The filmmaker has long expressed her passion for the gothic genre, explaining her connection to it in an interview, as per Variety.

"I've always been obsessed with the gothic," Fennell expressed, adding, "It's a genre where comedy and horror, revulsion and desire, sex and death are forever entwined, where every exchange is heavy with the threat of violence, or sex or both."

Her fascination with the gothic, she notes, spans beyond Bronte's work to authors like Daphne du Maurier and Angela Carter, whose stories are characterized by "disturbing erotic power."

With this perspective, Fennell is expected to bring a unique, contemporary touch to the timeless themes of obsession, passion, and tragedy that define Wuthering Heights.

Margot Robbie will reportedly portray Catherine Earnshaw, the fierce and complex heroine at the heart of the story.

Jacob Elordi, who recently starred in Fennell's 'Saltburn', will take on the iconic role of Heathcliff, the brooding, vengeful foster son of the Earnshaw family.

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